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The Member then referred to the present policy of the Government to raise the social position of the Pulayas and said that it was not a wise step. In his opinion, as long as the higher classes were quite prejudiced against the Pulayas and as long as the latter were low in point of material prosperity, they could never rise in the social scale. Giving liberal educational help to one or two individuals was of little value to the whole class. It would only create a gulf between the uplifted and the low among them. In the present circumstances, he suggested that the opening of night schools for Pulayas would be better in the interests of the Pulayas and other similar communities.

Opening of a Higher Grade Secondary School in the Meenachil taluk.

Mr. C. Mathen Mappilla (Member, Meenachil taluk) said that there was only a Lower Grade Secondary School at Bharanaganam. The want of higher classes in the school was a great drawback, as many of the students had to discontinue their studies. The Member understood that at Pala a school was recently opened to teach up to Form III, but unfortunately the educational authorities had refused recognition to it. The Member prayed that either the Pala school might be recognized and departmental assistance rendered to raise the standard of the school, or the existing Lower Grade Elementary School at Bharananganam be raised to the High School standard.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Opening of a Lower Grade Secondary School at Kothuvalikad Murri.

Mr. Untaman Krishnan (Member, Nominated) said that a building worth about Rs. 3,000 had been constructed by the Ealavas at Vavakadu, the centre of several Muries, such as Kathuvallikad, Maliankaru etc, and the people were willing to place the same at the disposal of the Government for the purpose of a school. He prayed that it would afford greater facility than Munambam, if a Lower Grade Secondary School be opened there.

Dewan's reply.—You should make your application to the Director.

Opening of a Lower Grade Secondary School at Karukachal.

Mr. Parameswara Kurup Eravi Kurup (Member, Changanacheri taluk) said that much need was felt for an English school for the eastern villages of the Changanacheri taluk which at present possessed no school. The Member prayed for the opening of an English school at Karukachal which, being almost the centre of the eastern villages, could be conveniently reached by the school-going population.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Do. Do. Kothamangalam

Mr. Thariathu Kunju Thomman (Member, Muvattupuzha taluk) urged the necessity for opening a Lower Grade

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Secondary School at Kothamangalam, for the use of the northern villages of the taluk. At present, the students of these parts had to go a distance of 14 miles to attend the school at Muvattupuzha, which was the nearest school.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Do. Do. at Perumbavoor.

Mr Thariathu Mathu Tharakan (Member, Kunnathunad taluk) said that the taluk was educationally backward and the few Aided schools that existed in the taluk had died away after the passing of the Code. Unless Elementary Schools were opened by the Government in various parts of the taluk, the condition of the taluk in point of education would become deplorable. The Member regretted that no money was spent by the State in the taluk for English education. He, therefore, urged the necessity for opening a Lower Grade Secondary School at Perumbavoor, the cusbah of the taluk.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Do. Do. near the Taluk Cutcherry at Adoor

Mr. Narayanan Govindan (Member, Kunnathur taluk) said that the condition of the people of the taluk in point of English education ranked very low, owing to the absence of an English school, departmental or aided, in the taluk. The Member proposed that the site now acquired for opening a Malayalam school might be utilized for constructing an English school, the present building in which the Higher Grade Elementary School was located being sufficient for the same. In the alternative, he proposed that the site east of the Taluk office at Adoor might be selected to put up a building for the English school. The Member said that the public were willing to bear one-half of the cost.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Do. Do. at Nedumangad.

Mr. Sankaran Krishnan (Member, Nedumangad taluk) said that the taluk, 366 sq. miles in area, with a population of more than a lakh of people, did not possess a single English school and that this was very regrettable. There was a school conducted by the people from 1061, but in 1075 the Government undertook to manage it. In 1077, it was discontinued by the Government, though there was a registered agreement regarding the same. The building was now used for a Girls' school. The Member added that they had been complaining of this want ever since the Assembly began.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Raising the standard of the Lower Grade Secondary School at Chenganoor.

Mr. Parameswaran Narayanan (Member, Chenganoor taluk) began to speak on the subject, when the Dewan said that the matter had already been recommended by the Director and was under consideration. A site had to be selected for erecting a new school house.

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